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SUBJECT:PROPOSED SOVIET-CANADIAN-AMERICAN ACTIVITY IN CON-
NECTION WITH APOLLO-SOYUZ LAUNCH

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FOR AMBASSADOR FROM ASST SECRETARY OES

1. OUR PRESENT PLANS ARE TO INVITE WASHINGTON DIPCORPS
AMBASSADORS AND SCICOUNSELORS, INCLUDING SOVIET SCICOUNSE-
LOR, TO VIEW SOYUZ LAUNCH ON TV AND THEN FLY GROUP TO CAPE
TO WATCH APOLLO LAUNCH. INVITATIONS HAVE NOT YET BEEN OFFI-
CIALLY EXTENDED, AND WE DO NOT KNOW IF SOV SCICOUNSELOR
WILL ACCEPT.

2. TO BEST OF OUR KNOWLEDGE, SOVIETS IN MOSCOW HAVE GIVEN
NO INDICATION IF THEY PLAN TO DO ANYTHING SPECIAL FOR AMBAS-
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SADOR OR SCICOUNSELOR IN CONNECTION WITH LAUNCH. WE HAVE
NO REASON TO THINK THEY WILL EXTEND INVITATION TO SCICOUN-
SELOR TO VIEW LAUNCH AT BAIKONUR. WHILE WE WOULD LIKE SOME
SPECIAL EXPOSURE FOR SCICOUNSELOR IN MOSCOW, WE ARE NOT

OPTIMISTIC THIS WILL BE POSSIBLE. FURTHERMORE, WE DOUBT
THAT ANY SPECIAL TREATMENT FOR SOV SCICOUNSELOR IN CANADA--
OR IN US-- WILL PROVIDE LEVERAGE FOR OUR SCICOUNSELOR IN
MOSCOW. FYI ONLY. SOVIETS TURNED DOWN OUR PROPOSAL TO
EXCHANGE HIGH-LEVEL DELEGATIONS TO VISIT LAUNCH SITES ON

OCCASION OF LAUNCH. END FYI.

3. IF, FOR CANADIAN FOREIGN POLICY REASONS VIS-A-VIS THE
USSR, THEY WISH TO ORGANIZE SUGGESTED LOW-KEY VISIT AND TO
INVITE SOVIET AND US SCICOUNSELORS, WE WOULD HAVE NO OB-
JECTION. INGERSOLL

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